

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

#### **A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT**

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Amend claim 7.
2. Elect Species A (claims 11-23, 35-37 and 47) without traverse.

#### **B. ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Applicant elects Species A, embodiment 1 (the species of Figs. 1-11, claims 11-23, 35-37 and 47) for further prosecution in the event no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicant deems claims 1-10 and 44-46 to be generic.

A listing of claims readable on the respective species is shown in the following table. The table also includes a listing of Figures corresponding to the respective species.

Species	Embodiment	Claims		Figures
A	1	1-10, 44-46	11-23, 35-37, 47	1-11
B	2		24	12
C	3		22, 23, 26, 38-42	13
D	4		23, 26, 27-30, 38, 39, 48	14, 18
E	5			15
F	6			16
G	7		25	
H	8		31, 32	19
I	9		33, 34	20-22
J	10		43	23

This election is made without traverse. However, since a restriction requirement is never proper unless the restricted group of claims is patentably distinct (i.e., inter alia, non-obvious under 35 USC §103) from the elected group of claims, the Examiner is

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requested to insure that such patentable distinctness is present before proceeding to make the requirement final.

It is respectfully requested that the non-elected claims be retained.

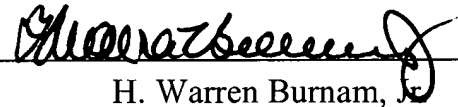
The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account no. 14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of this Amendment and the continued pendency of the captioned application, including but not limited to any extension of time fees.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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